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Kissinger kept data secret

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Washington—The House Intelligence Committee made public previously secret documents yesterday showing that Henry A. Kissinger on numerous occasions temporarily withheld intelligence reports on possible Russian arms agreement violations from members of Congress and top administration officials.

At the same time, the panel heard testimony from a former State Department intelligence chief, Ray S. Cline, that Mr. Kissinger's secretiveness was a factor making it impossible to determine definitively whether the Soviet Union was honoring the 1972 strategic arms limitation (SALT) pacts or cheating on them.

Mr. Kissinger, now Secretary of State, was then assistant to the President for national security affairs.

Mr. Cline, now a top official at the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, testified that Mr. Kissinger sometimes discussed intelligence reports on Soviet SALT actions with the Soviet ambassador here, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, before U.S. officials knew about them.

The officials cut off from the data, Mr. Cline's testimony and the documents showed, included the Secretary of State, then William P. Rogers, and the

chief U.S. negotiator at the SALT talks, U. Alexis Johnson.

The chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, Representative Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.), said the panel had information that Mr. Johnson learned of one SALT problem in 1973 only when Russian negotiators informed him. The case presumably was the same one to which Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) has referred frequently in criticizing SALT agreements and negotiations.

Many specific details had been censored from the documents made public yesterday, but the contexts indicated that they concerned possible cheating of the types previously alleged before the panel by Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, the retired chief of naval operations.

Allegations have dealt with sizes of missiles and underground launching silos, tests of anti-ballistic missile radar and efforts to conceal activities from U.S. reconnaissance satellites.

One document, based on National Security Council instructions to the Central Intelligence Agency and dated October 17, 1972, stated that, in reports on SALT monitoring, "Dr. Kissinger wanted to avoid any written judgments to the effect that the Soviets have violated any of the SALT agreements."

Such judgments would not be made in the CIA but "at the NSC level."

CIA 1.03 Cline, Ray

CIA 7.01 NSC

Kissinger, Henry